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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

OF: Tomohiro Kawase et al. | Art Unit: 1765  
SERIAL NO.: 08/843,124 | Examiner: R. Kunemund  
FILED: April 25, 1997 |  
FOR: METHOD OF PREPARING GROUP III-V  
COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR CRYSTAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231

November 25, 1998

LETTER REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION, INCLUDING A  
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Dear Sir:

- 1) This letter is not intended as a response to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 1998.
- 2) The "Office Action Summary" of the Office Action issued on November 19, 1998 indicates that claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 23 have been allowed, and that claims 6 and 7 are objected to. However, the detailed remarks of the Office Action include rejections of claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 23, and do not address the status of claims 6 and 7 at all.
- 3) In view of the above, the status of the claims, and especially claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 23 is unclear. The Examiner is respectfully requested to clarify the status of the claims, for

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example by issuing a corrected Office Action Summary if claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 23 are actually rejected. The Examiner is also respectfully requested to expressly indicate that claims 6 and 7 are seen as containing allowable subject matter, or to otherwise indicate why these claims are objectionable but not rejected.

- 4) It is requested that the period for Response be restarted upon issuance of a corrected or clarified Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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